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## MEDIA

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**Press release issued:** announcing 2 RCRA settlements, with Bachem Americas, Inc. and Crosby & Overton, Inc. (\$130,000 total in penalties and emergency response assistance). [U.S. EPA requires Southern California facilities to improve hazardous waste management, reduce air emissions.](#) Soledad Calvino.

**Fresno Bee:** Reporter Tim Sheehan had questions about the City of Fresno's press release issued today that stated EPA had received an email regarding a resident's report showing slightly elevated levels of lead in an urine sample. Reporter sent press release for our review. Let him know that I will get in touch as soon as additional information available. WTR. OPEN. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

**Southern California News Group:** Reporter Steve Scauzillo had questions about air emissions and hazardous waste releases at both Crosby & Overton and Bachem. Sent response. ENF. CLOSED. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

**Santa Rosa Press Democrat:** Reporter Clark Mason is working on a story about the Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Superfund site. He requested to speak with EPA regarding the current status of the site and future plans for remediation of the contamination. Provided reporter with the site's web page and set up phone interview with Gary Riley for August 4. SF (v) OPEN:

Michele Huitric

**Farmington Daily Times:** reporter Steve Garrison seeking comment on one year anniversary of GKM release and statement on Bonita Peak listing, referred to HQ: CLOSED: Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) SF

**AZ Republic:** reporter Mark Katherine Wildeman has questions on tribal enforcement policy, working on desk statement: OPEN: Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan ENF/WTR

## WEB

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### Social Media:

**Climate Change Indicators Report** – At the request of headquarters, posted to our [Twitter](#) page about the new [Climate Change Indicators](#) report.

### Web Updates:

**Navajo Nation Abandoned Mines Cleanup** – Published the new website [Navajo Nation: Cleaning Up Abandoned Uranium Mines](#).

**Tribal RTOC** – Posted updated agendas for the upcoming summer meeting and the Vector Borne Disease Workshop to the [Tribal RTOC website](#).

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Congressional Waiver Request for Navajo Nation Cooperative Agreement Amendment:** Brent Maier reached out to Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Jeff Flake and John McCain and Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick to request their approval of a waiver for the normal 5-day Congressional hold. Our Grants Office is requesting a waiver of the normal Congressional 5-Day hold so that our Grants Office can reimburse the Navajo Nation through a cooperative agreement for allowable response costs they incurred for the Gold King Mine incident. This is an amendment to the March 10, 2016 award EPA made for the same purpose in the amount of \$157,756, and provides additional federal funding in the amount of \$445,038.

**Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23):** Brent Maier received a request from Congressman McCarthy's Legislative Director Kyle Lombardi for a call/briefing with Acting Air Division Director Elizabeth Adams for some time next week on EPA's decision to not grant an extension for attainment of the 1997 PM2.5 standards in the SJV. Kyle Lombardi also wishes to extend an invite for other San Joaquin Valley Congressional staff for other Members to also participate in this discussion. Brent has reached out to our Air Division and is working with Niloufar Nazmi on what other managers/staff will need to participate in this discussion and to provide days/times that would work for Elizabeth for next week. Brent will be reaching out to Kyle Lombardi to see if we could schedule a call for Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> for some windows of time Elizabeth is available.

**Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5):** Superfund Division's Kay Lawrence was contacted by Meredith Sebring, Brookings Fellow, in the Office of Rep. Mike Thompson to see if she would be available to discuss the recent Chemical Safety Board report on the Tesoro facility in Martinez. Specifically, she is interested in EPA's thoughts on the report, and whether Tesoro has made improvements since the incidents, what improvements are still needed, how the proposed CA and EPA regulations will help situations like this, and any way the Congressman's office can help. Kay reached out to Brent Maier who followed up with Meredith and has confirmed a call for Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm PT. Kay noted to Brent Maier that we have a case in development for this facility so there are some boundaries for this discussion.

**Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM-3):** As a follow up to the recent letter from Congressman Ben Ray Lujan to Administrator McCarthy regarding an invitation to an upcoming Gold King Mine Roundtable the Congressman is hosting on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> in Farmington, New Mexico. OCIR has reached out to Regions VI, VIII and IX to see if they can send a representative. Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss is planning to attend because of our ongoing work and relationship with the Navajo Nation. We have learned that the Navajo Nation President and Navajo Nation Environmental Director as well as the State of New Mexico Environment Deputy Director are planning to attend.

**Congressional Outreach on Press Release Announcing Settlement Actions with Bachem Americas, Inc. and Crosby and Overton, Inc.:** Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Representatives Maxine Waters and Alan Lowenthal that announced settlements with two Southern California facilities for improper handling of hazardous waste. Bachem Americas, Inc., and Crosby & Overton, Inc., will collectively pay more than \$130,000 in penalties and emergency response assistance for federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) violations.

**Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-24):** Brent Maier has confirmed a call with Greg Haas in the Office of Congresswoman Lois Capps and Air Division's Amy Zimpfer and Matt Lakin for next Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 3:30pm to discuss the SLO Dunes issue. We will discuss with Greg Haas the work that our office is involved with he has a better understanding of our ongoing monitoring efforts and our work with the San Luis Obispo APCD.

**Elected Official Staff Attendance at Frontier Fertilizer:** Superfund CIC Jackie Lane let Brent Maier know that they had two elected official representatives attend yesterday's Frontier Fertilizer Superfund Site Community Update Meeting on August 2, 2016 in Davis, CA. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss upcoming work in the residential development of Mace Ranch. Jackie noted that the meeting was well attended and the participants had plenty of good questions. Elected official representatives included Andrew March, Field Representative in the Office of Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA-3) and Sara Rogers from State Senator Lois Wolk's 3<sup>rd</sup> District.